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1. [redacted] After conversation with [redacted] OPPB, I told Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, that the item on eight Marine details listed in the military justification paper which he mentioned on Tuesday is in error. The correct number for FY 1972 is four not including the DDCI who is a Presidential appointee. I told Mr. Preston that in any event we do not want the item published if it can be avoided. He thanked me for the advice.

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2. [redacted] Talked to [redacted] General Counsel, NSA, who told me that Admiral Gayler, Director, NSA, met with Chairman Hanley, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, this morning and found him apparently receptive. Chairman Hanley accepted an invitation to NSA probably after he returns from a trip out of the country which will take him away from Washington from 23 April to 3 May. [redacted] told me that he learned separately that Chairman Hanley intends at this time to schedule hearings on "Ervin bill legislation" starting around 11 May and running through 30 May. I thanked [redacted] for the information.

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3. [redacted] Following up on my conversation with Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, I called Jack Leahy, of Abshire's office, to say that we were considering a response to Senator McGovern's inquiry about U.S. knowledge of and involvement in drug traffic in Southeast Asia, and would like to coordinate our action with whatever action the Department is taking in response to a similar inquiry to them. Leahy said he was unaware of the McGovern letter but would look into it and let us know how they plan to handle it.

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